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WHAT WAS THE STARTLING SECRET OF "THE HOUSE ON THE HILL!"
"THE GREED OF SILAS PLUNKETT!"
"IT TOLLS BY NIGHT!"

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

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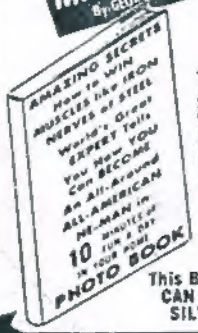
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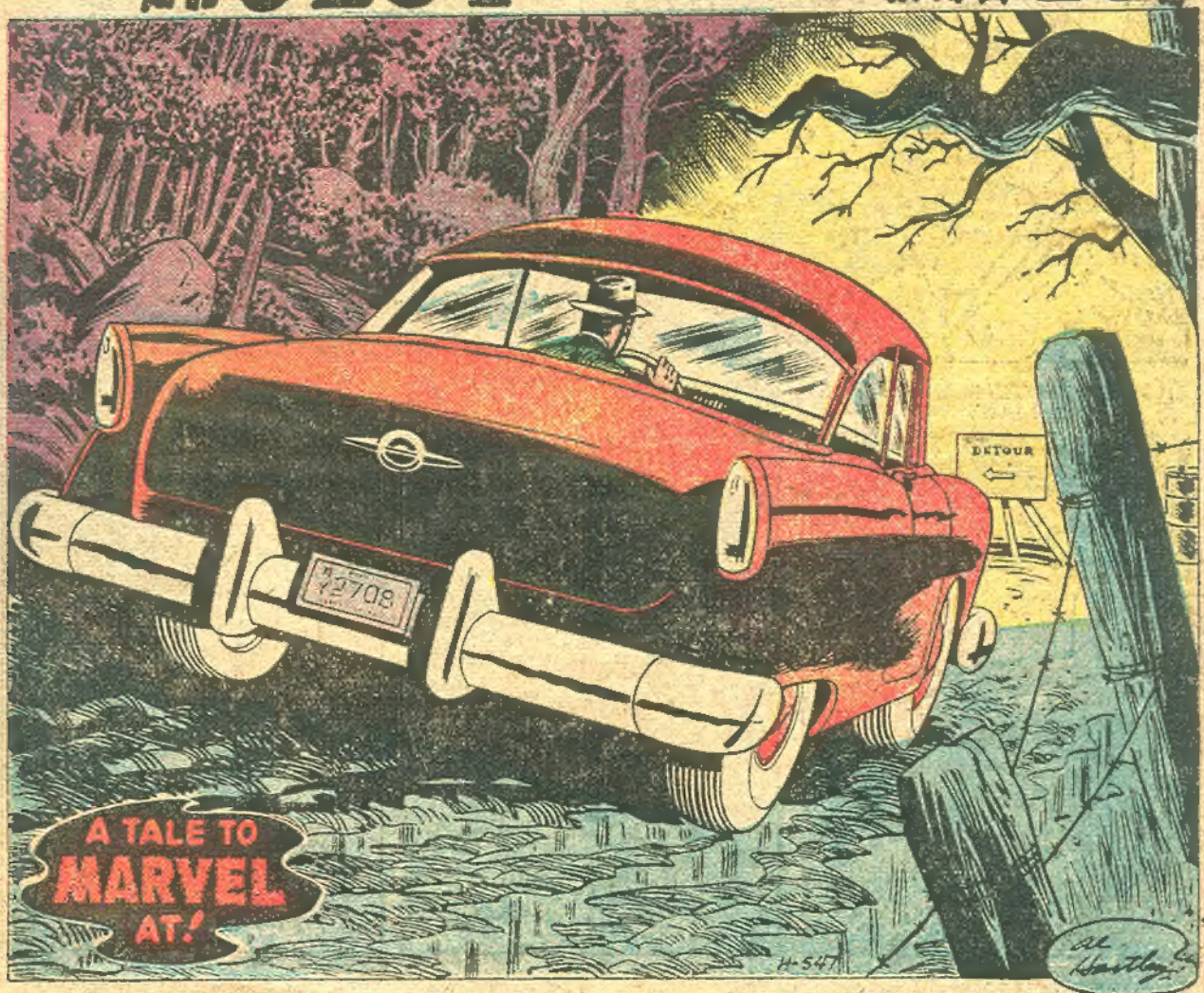
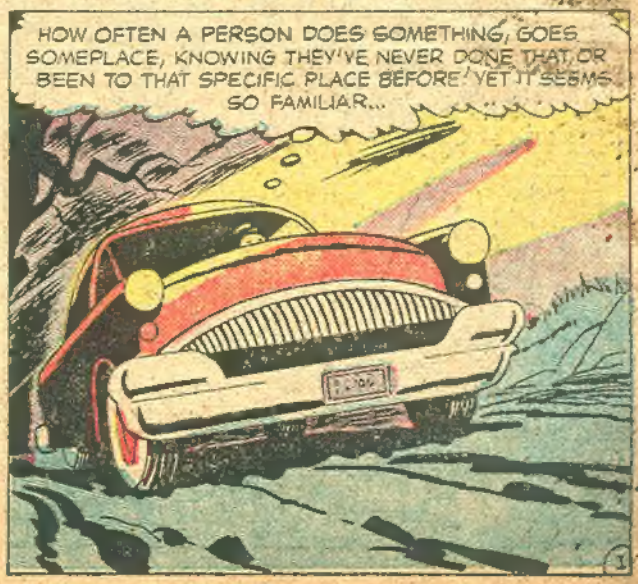
HE DROVE THROUGH THE NIGHT, HIS LIGHTS A BLINDING GLARE ON THE ROAD IN FRONT OF HIM! IT WAS A DETOUR AND HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE IT WOULD BRING HIM OUT! CERTAINLY IT NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM THAT IT WAS A DETOUR TO A STRANGE FANTASY!

THE HOUSE ON THE HILL!



HE WAS SLEEPY! HIS EYES WERE CLOSING! HE SMOKED, HUMMED A POPULAR TUNE, TRYING TO KEEP FROM SLEEPING WHILE DRIVING...

THIS GAVE HIM A FOCUS FOR THOUGHT THAT WOULD EMPLOY HIS MIND AND KEEP HIM AWAKE...


HOW OFTEN A PERSON DOES SOMETHING, GOES SOMEPLACE, KNOWING THEY'VE NEVER DONE THAT, OR BEEN TO THAT SPECIFIC PLACE BEFORE! YET IT SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...
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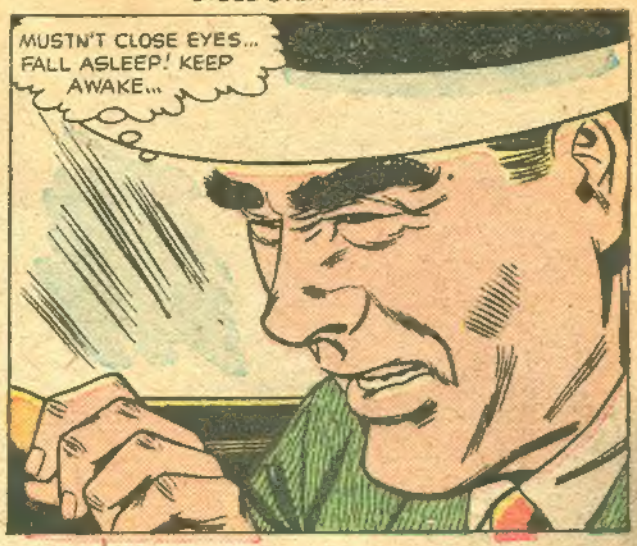
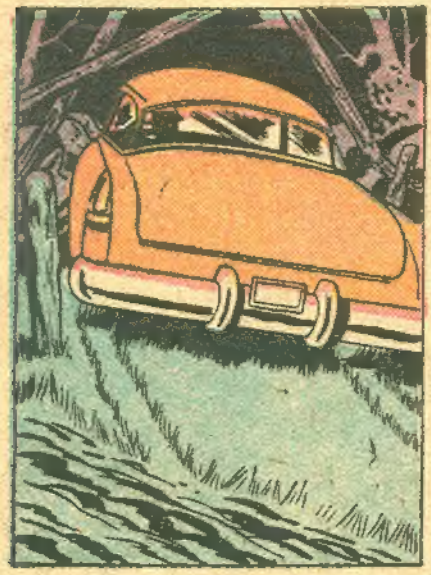
IT ALMOST HAS A DREAMLIKE QUALITY ABOUT IT! LIKE A STRAIN OF MUSIC ON A RECORD THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR AGAIN, AND YOU MOVE THE NEEDLE ARM BACK AND REPEAT THE MELODY... IT'S A STRANGE PHENOMENON...

HE SPECULATED ABOUT THIS FOR A WHILE, HIS INTEREST IN IT KEEPING HIS MIND ALERT! BUT PRESENTLY THE FOCAL POINT OF THOUGHT SWAM AWAY AND LETHARGY STOLE OVER HIM...

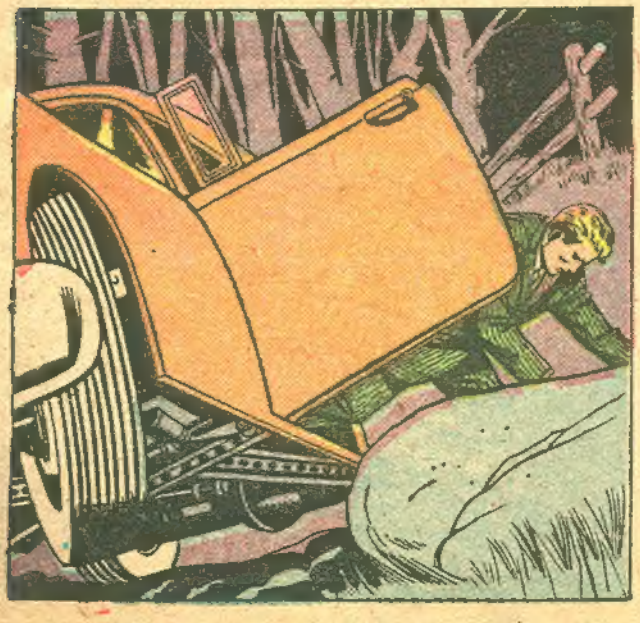


HIS EYES CLOSED! FLOATING EASE TOOK HIM AWAY...

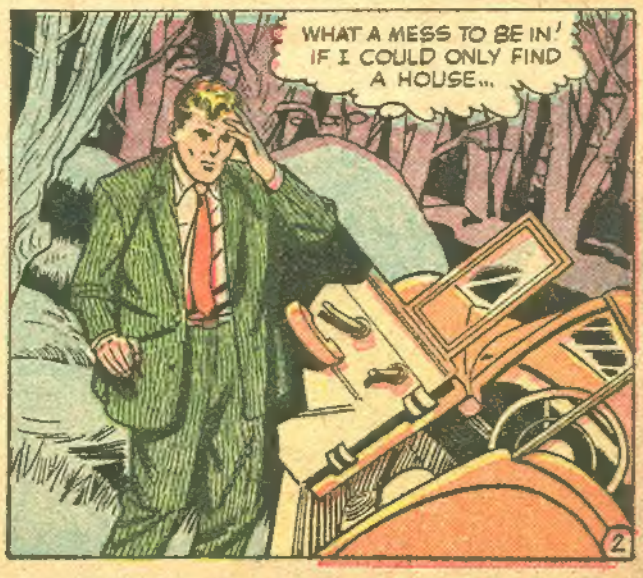


THERE WAS THE NOISE, THEN SILENCE WITHOUT MOVEMENT! PRESENTLY MOVEMENT BEGAN! A HAND REACHED OUT...

AND HE CRAWLED FROM THE WRECKAGE...



HE WAS SHAKEN, BRUISED, BUT OTHERWISE UNHURT! HE STOOD SWAYING IN THE MOONLIGHT, HIS EYES MOVING OVER THE DESERTED ROAD, THE EMPTY WOODS...



THEN THRU THE TREES HE SAW THE YELLOW WINDOW LIGHTS FANNING OUT AGAINST THE NIGHT'S BLACKNESS...

A HOUSE! I'M IN LUCK!

HE STAGGERED TOWARD THE HOUSE! A CLOUD SLID OVER THE MOON TURNING THE NIGHT TO PITCH! SOMEWHERE IN THE DISTANCE A DOG HOWLED...

HE RANG THE BELL! SLOWLY THE DOOR OPENED...

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU! I'VE HAD AN ACCIDENT IN MY CAR! I WONDER IF I COULD...

COME IN...

I'D LIKE TO USE YOUR PHONE, IF I MAY, TO CALL A GARAGE! DO YOU KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE NEAREST...?

WE DON'T HAVE A PHONE!

THEIR VOICES WERE WITHOUT INTONATION! THERE WAS A STRANGENESS HERE THAT HE COULDN'T PUT HIS FINGER ON! THERE WAS AN AURA OF DIFFERENCE SURROUNDING THESE PEOPLE...

DO YOU HAVE A CAR? PERHAPS YOU COULD RUN ME TO THE NEAREST GARAGE? I'D PAY YOU...

WE HAVE NO CAR! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS HOUSE!

OUR SCIENTISTS NEED A *HUMAN* TO STUDY! THAT'S WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR! *WE* ARE THE RESULT OF CLEVER PLASTIC SURGERY BY OUR SCIENTISTS TO MAKE US LOOK HUMAN! THANK YOU FOR COMING! YOU MADE IT EASY FOR US!

WHAT IS ALL THIS? I'VE JUST HAD AN ACCIDENT! I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR HUMOR! I'LL FIND SOMEONE ELSE WHO WILL...

THE DOOR IS ALREADY SEALED AUTOMATICALLY! THIS WHOLE HOUSE IS A SHIP, MADE TO APPEAR LIKE A HOUSE FOR OUR PURPOSE!
LET ME OUT OF HERE!

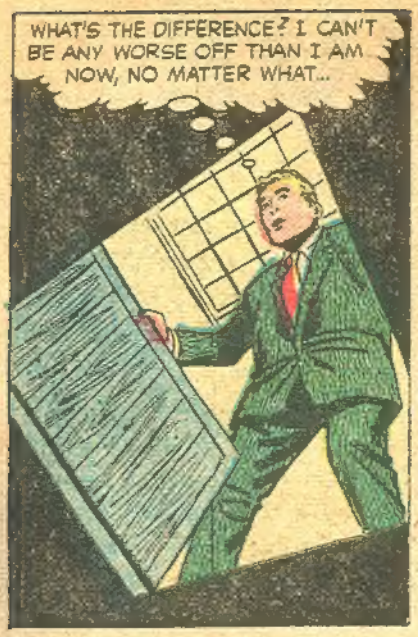
YOU ARE THE SPECIMEN WE HAVE COME FOR! EVEN IF YOU DID ESCAPE, IT WOULD ONLY BE FOR MOMENTS! YOU SEE, THE TIME-CONTROL MACHINE CAN MAKE TIME MOVE BACKWARDS OR FORWARD! YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A CIRCLE OF TIME!

HE RAN TO THE STAIRS AND FLED UP THEM!

THERE WAS A ROOM AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS AND A WINDOW! HE RUSHED TO IT!

HE RAN TO ANOTHER WINDOW! IT WAS THE SAME... BLOCKED! AND THEN HE HEARD THE HUM... FELT THE VIBRATION OF THE WALLS, THE FLOOR UNDER HIS FEET!

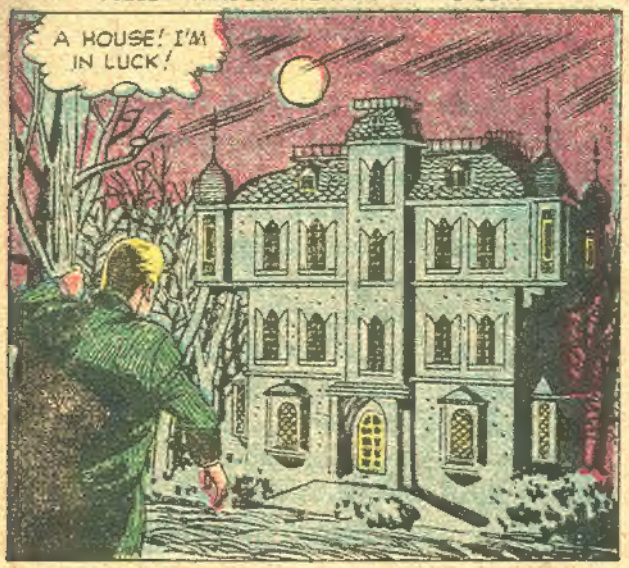
HE MUST ESCAPE! QUICKLY OR IT WOULD BE TOO LATE! THE MOTOR SOUND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE NOW! THE VIBRATIONS SHOOK THE WALLS!



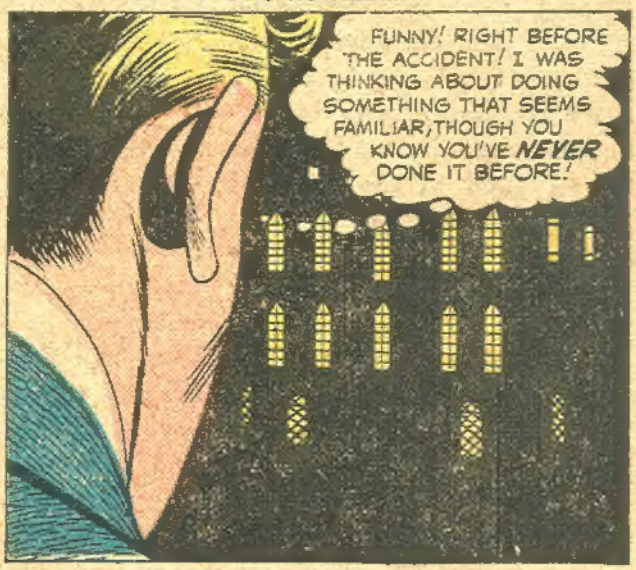
HE STEPPED THRU THE TRAP DOOR! HIS FEET FOUND NOTHING... EMPTINESS! HE PLUNGED DOWN... DOWN THRU BLACKNESS...

MOVEMENT STOPPED! CONSCIOUSNESS FLED AWAY! THEN, SLOWLY, HIS SENSES RETURNED!

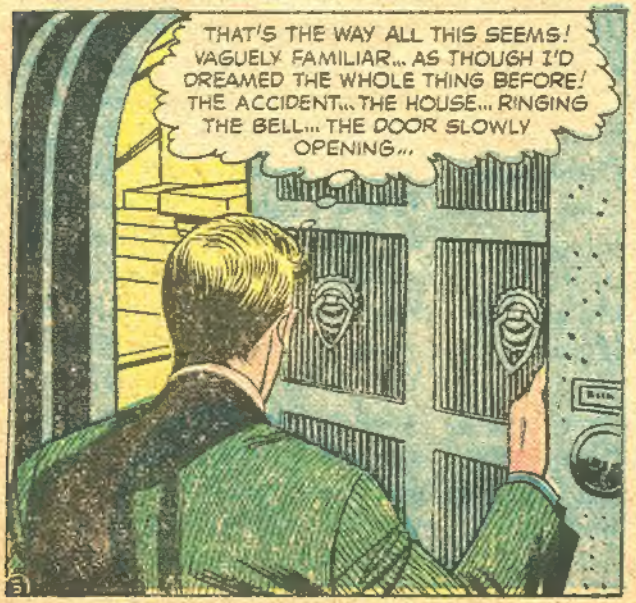
HE WAS SHAKEN, BRUISED... THRU THE TREES HE SAW THE YELLOW WINDOW LIGHTS FANNING OUT...



A CLOUD SLID OVER THE MOON... IN THE DISTANCE A DOG HOWLED...


FUNNY! RIGHT BEFORE THE ACCIDENT! I WAS THINKING ABOUT DOING SOMETHING THAT SEEMS FAMILIAR, THOUGH YOU KNOW YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE!

HE RANG THE BELL! SLOWLY THE DOOR OPENED...


THAT'S THE WAY ALL THIS SEEMS! VAGUELY FAMILIAR... AS THOUGH I'D DREAMED THE WHOLE THING BEFORE! THE ACCIDENT... THE HOUSE... RINGING THE BELL... THE DOOR SLOWLY OPENING...

HE SPOKE TO THE FIGURE IN THE DOOR... THE STRANGE FIGURE! THE FIGURE SAID, "COME IN"! HE WENT IN... THE DOOR SHUT SILENTLY BEHIND HIM...

THE MIRROR

"I MUST be going mad," Bruce Morton muttered to himself as he stared at his own image in the looking glass. "For a moment, I felt that my face wasn't reflected in the mirror . . . that instead, the mirror became a movie screen that flashed every moment of the past before my eyes."

It was a staggering illusion. He had been like a transfixed child, with his nose pressed against the pane, peering through the open window on his past life. Quickly, all the forgotten details had fallen into place as his life story was re-enacted. And Bruce groaned as he wallowed in the flood of painful recollections.

"Now I have everything I ever dreamed of as a child," he mused. "I have money, power, position in life, and everything I want . . . *except happiness!* I've always been too busy to appreciate beauty. I've been too impatient to win the love of a good woman and too impetuous to realize what a mistake I was making. Money meant more to me than marriage. Control of a new corporation was more important to me than hearing the happy laughter of children in my home. Now, I'm known as the wizard of the financial world. Some men respect me . . . a few fear me . . . and far more of them hate me. But none of them could guess how lonely and unloved I am. None of them know what misery it is to live alone and unhappy.

"Why are we so sure we are right when we are young and so convinced of our mistakes when we grow older? If only we could grant older people the strength and enthusiasm of youth while conferring wisdom and maturity on young people *before it's too late to change their lives . . .*"

After all this soul-searching, Bruce Morton went to bed with a heavy heart. The next day, his subordinates found him strangely subdued in his office. He seemed distracted, his eyes staring into space and his mind seemingly miles away.

When his secretary arrived as usual with sharpened pencils poised for dictation, he shook his head slowly and said, "No letters now, Miss Coleman. I have a headache and can't concentrate on my mail." When his stock broker rushed in with the latest market readings off the ticker tape, Bruce seemed bored beyond recall. "Seems like a dull day for trading," he shrugged indifferently. "I don't think I'll deal today." And when he begged off a board of directors meeting of the billion-dollar BATJET AUTOPLANE CORP., everyone was in a dither.

"Something's certainly amiss," Miss Coleman confided to anyone who would lend an ear. "B.M. *never* neglected the morning mail before. It's as much a habit with him as a hot cup of coffee for breakfast."

"He must have something up his sleeve," his broker bubbled happily. "He got an inside tip and he's laying back a while so as not to show his hand. No one knows the market like that sly old Wall Street walrus."

"Probably a pressing emergency that came up with one of his international cartels," one BATJET board member remarked with a knowing wink. "Nothing else would keep him from commanding this meeting and have the stockholders eating right out of his hands."

While everyone else speculated glibly about his strange conduct, Bruce Morton sat alone in his private study and dwelled upon the past. He was suspended emotionally between the present which he detested and the past which he could not recall.

"I must be losing my grip," he decided finally. "All day I've been dreaming about something which could not have happened. I must have imagined everything after I looked into the mirror." Yet, try as he would, he could not dispel the powerful picture of his past which lingered in his mind. So, for the first time in anyone's memory, Bruce Morton left his office in mid-afternoon and went home.

He proceeded immediately to the mirror in his bedroom. He became reassured as his reflection smiled confidently back at him. But then, his image began to recede! He found himself staring at a scene that he had not viewed in over thirty-five years. In sharp focus was all the familiar furniture that adorned his parents' living room. His father was reclining in the easy chair, his feet raised on the ottoman. His mother was perched on the edge of the

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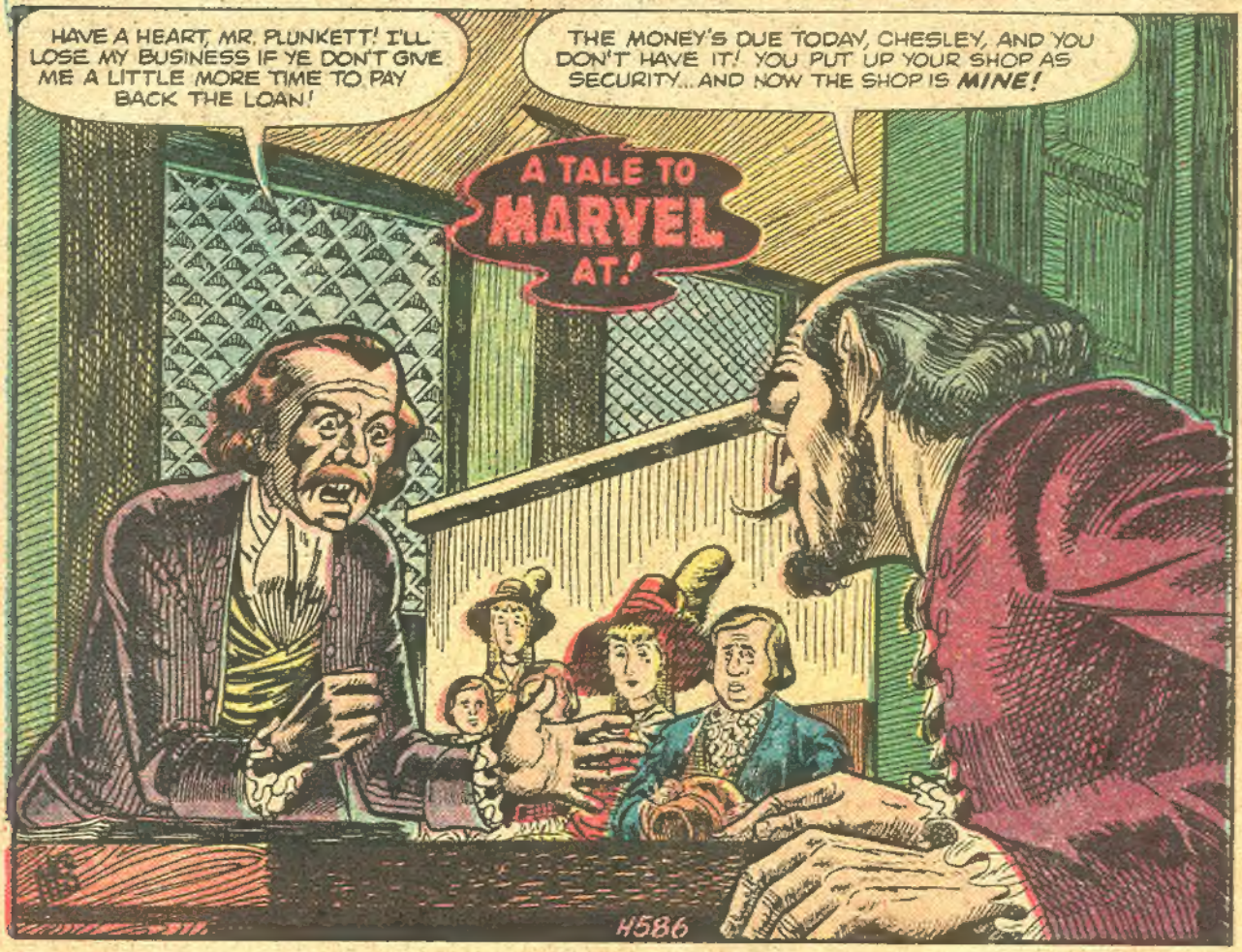
THE GREED OF SILAS PLUNKETT!


HAVE A HEART, MR. PLUNKETT! I'LL LOSE MY BUSINESS IF YE DON'T GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME TO PAY BACK THE LOAN!
THE MONEY'S DUE TODAY, CHESLEY, AND YOU DON'T HAVE IT! YOU PUT UP YOUR SHOP AS SECURITY... AND NOW THE SHOP IS MINE!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
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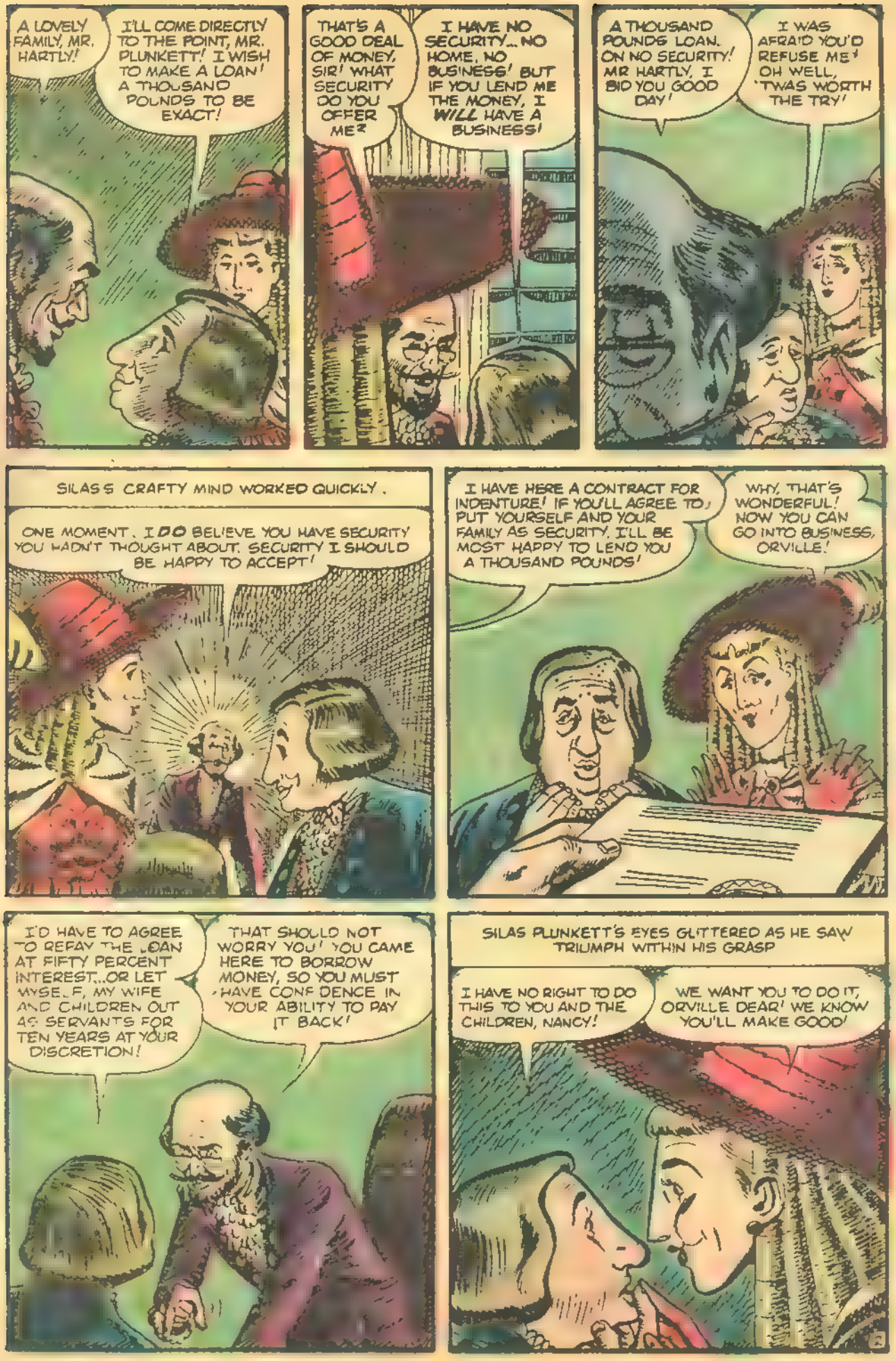
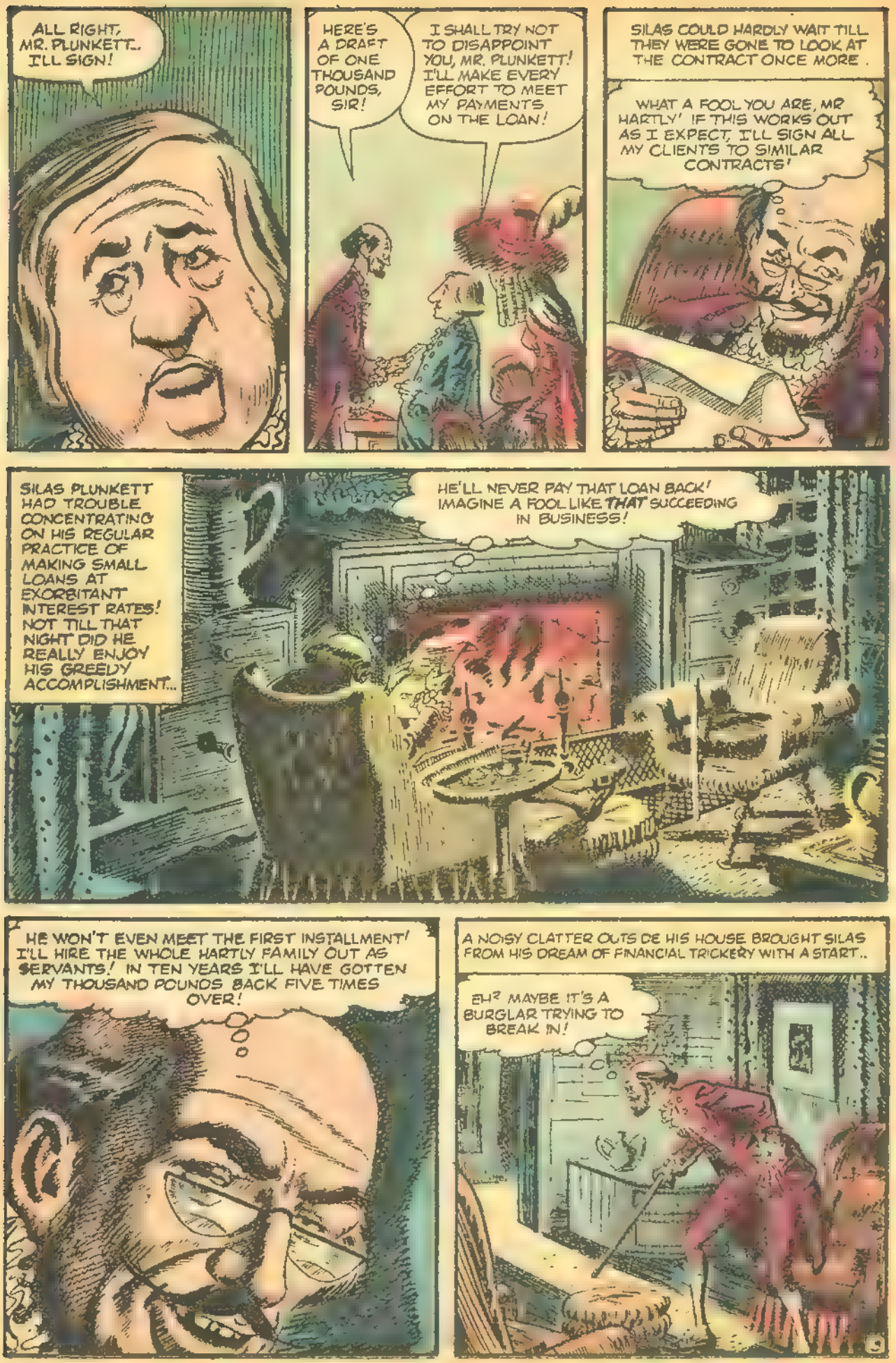
IT'S NOT FAIR CHARGING ME TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT INTEREST! MY SHOP IS WORTH FOUR TIMES WHAT I OWE YOU!
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO BORROW FROM ME! NOR DID I FORCE YOU TO SIGN A NOTE!


A LOVELY FAMILY, MR. HARTLY!
I'LL COME DIRECTLY TO THE POINT, MR. PLUNKETT! I WISH TO MAKE A LOAN! A THOUSAND POUNDS TO BE EXACT!
THAT'S A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY, SIR! WHAT SECURITY DO YOU OFFER ME?
I HAVE NO SECURITY... NO HOME, NO BUSINESS! BUT IF YOU LEND ME THE MONEY, I WILL HAVE A BUSINESS!
A THOUSAND POUNDS LOAN. ON NO SECURITY! MR HARTLY, I BID YOU GOOD DAY!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D REFUSE ME! OH WELL, 'TWAS WORTH THE TRY!
SILAS'S CRAFTY MIND WORKED QUICKLY.
ONE MOMENT. I DO BELIEVE YOU HAVE SECURITY YOU HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT. SECURITY I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT!
I HAVE HERE A CONTRACT FOR INDENTURE! IF YOU'LL AGREE TO PUT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY AS SECURITY, I'LL BE MOST HAPPY TO LEND YOU A THOUSAND POUNDS!
WHY, THAT'S WONDERFUL! NOW YOU CAN GO INTO BUSINESS, ORVILLE!
I'D HAVE TO AGREE TO REPAY THE LOAN AT FIFTY PERCENT INTEREST...OR LET MYSELF, MY WIFE AND CHILDREN OUT AS SERVANTS FOR TEN YEARS AT YOUR DISCRETION!
THAT SHOULD NOT WORRY YOU! YOU CAME HERE TO BORROW MONEY, SO YOU MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR ABILITY TO PAY IT BACK!
SILAS PLUNKETT'S EYES GLITTERED AS HE SAW TRIUMPH WITHIN HIS GRASP
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO DO THIS TO YOU AND THE CHILDREN, NANCY!
WE WANT YOU TO DO IT, ORVILLE DEAR! WE KNOW YOU'LL MAKE GOOD!


ALL RIGHT, MR. PLUNKETT.. I'LL SIGN!
HERE'S A DRAFT OF ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, SIR!
I SHALL TRY NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOU, MR. PLUNKETT! I'LL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET MY PAYMENTS ON THE LOAN!
SILAS COULD HARDLY WAIT TILL THEY WERE GONE TO LOOK AT THE CONTRACT ONCE MORE .
WHAT A FOOL YOU ARE, MR HARTLY! IF THIS WORKS OUT AS I EXPECT, I'LL SIGN ALL MY CLIENTS TO SIMILAR CONTRACTS!
SILAS PLUNKETT HAD TROUBLE CONCENTRATING ON HIS REGULAR PRACTICE OF MAKING SMALL LOANS AT EXORBITANT INTEREST RATES! NOT TILL THAT NIGHT DID HE REALLY ENJOY HIS GREEDY ACCOMPLISHMENT...
HE'LL NEVER PAY THAT LOAN BACK! IMAGINE A FOOL LIKE THAT SUCCEEDING IN BUSINESS!
HE WON'T EVEN MEET THE FIRST INSTALLMENT! I'LL HIRE THE WHOLE HARTLY FAMILY OUT AS SERVANTS! IN TEN YEARS I'LL HAVE GOTTEN MY THOUSAND POUNDS BACK FIVE TIMES OVER!
A NOISY CLATTER OUTS DE HIS HOUSE BROUGHT SILAS FROM HIS DREAM OF FINANCIAL TRICKERY WITH A START..
EH? MAYBE IT'S A BURGLAR TRYING TO BREAK IN!
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SILAS CREPT STEALTHILY ACROSS THE FLOOR, INTENT ON SURPRISING THE WOULD-BE INTRUDER! THEN HE THREW OPEN THE FRONT DOOR..
WHAT! BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
HE BLINKED IN THE BRILLIANT SUNLIGHT OF THE EARLY AFTERNOON, AND GASPED WITH BEWILDERMENT...
IT CAN'T BE DAYTIME YET! I SAT DOWN BEFORE MY HEARTH NO MORE THAN AN HOUR AGO.. AND HERE IT IS MIDDAY, WITH THE SUN OVERHEAD!
SEE HERE, WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN MY RUBBISH BARREL?
I'M PICKING UP JUNK TO SELL, SIR! SURELY YOU WON'T BEGRUDGE ME THE FEW SHILLINGS I GET TO KEEP ME FED!
IF YOU'D BEEN CLEVER AND SAVING LIKE ME, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE TRAMPING THE STREETS OF LONDON GATHERING JUNK!
YOUNG MAN, I WAS CLEVER IN MY YOUNGER DAYS, BUT THEN A MAN CAME ALONG WHO WAS MORE CLEVER THAN I!
SILAS COULD NOT RESIST A STRANGE COMPULSION TO WALK BESIDE THIS OLD MAN...
NONSENSE! NEXT YOU WILL TRY TO HAVE ME BELIEVE YOU ONCE HAD A THRIVING BUSINESS!
I DID INDEED! I CAN PROVE IT!
SILAS WAS DISTURBED BY THE OLD MAN'S TALK, UNTIL THEY REACHED A FAMILIAR NEIGHBORHOOD..
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO I OWNED THIS BANK! LAST YEAR MY CREDITORS TOOK IT AWAY FROM ME!
THAT IS A LIE! I OWN THE BANK! I BUILT IT MYSELF! THE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS A MISTAKE!
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FORECLOSURE SALE
LOOK CLOSELY AT THE DATE, SILAS PLUNKETT! IS IT A MISTAKE?
1835! HOW CAN THAT BE? AND HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
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THE OLD MAN DREW BACK SO THAT SILAS MIGHT HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT HIM... AND SILAS GASPED...
Y YOU'RE ME! I'VE WALKED INTO THE FUTURE AND SEEN MYSELF!
YES, SILAS! LOOK WELL AND REMEMBER! GREED, S LAS . GREED!
SILAS PLUNKETT TURNED AND RAN ALL THE WAY HOME..
IT'S ALL A TRICK TO FRIGHTEN ME!
HE RUSHED INTO HIS HOUSE AND THREW H MSELF INTO HIS CHAIR
A BAD DREAM, THAT'S ALL IT WAS! IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO ME... I'M TOO CLEVER WITH MONEY! I'LL ALWAYS BE RICH!
SILAS SLEPT FITFULLY THAT NIGHT, NOT EVEN SURE IT WAS NIGHT, TILL HE AROSE TO FIND A BEAUTIFUL CRISP NOVEMBER MORNING...
. WHAT A PECULIAR THING FOR MY IMAGINATION TO HAVE DONE TO ME! AFTER ALL I CAN NEVER BE POOR AS LONG AS I'M WISE ENOUGH TO SIGN MEN LIKE HARTLY TO A TRICKY CONTRACT!
HE WAS RELIEVED TO FND THE DOORS OF HIS BANK HAD BEEN OPENED BY ONE OF HIS CLERKS..
WHERE ARE ALL MY CUSTOMERS, CHALMERS?
I...ER...SUGGEST THAT YOU LOOK NEXT DOOR, MR PLUNKETT, SIR!
SILAS LOOKED NEXT DOOR AT ONCE.
A NEW BANK! THIS 'S AN OUTRAGE! AND IT'S TAKING ALL MY CUSTOMERS!
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BA
AND SILAS PLUNKETT RECOGNIZED ORVILLE HARTLY IMMEDIATELY!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO PAY BACK YOUR LOAN IN HALF THE TIME, MR PLUNKETT! I'M SO PROUD OF ORVILLE AND SO GRATEFUL TO YOU!
THERE IS THE MAN WHO IS MORE CLEVER THAN I! IF I PERSIST IN MY WAYS, I KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT! I MUST CHANGE... AND I WILL!
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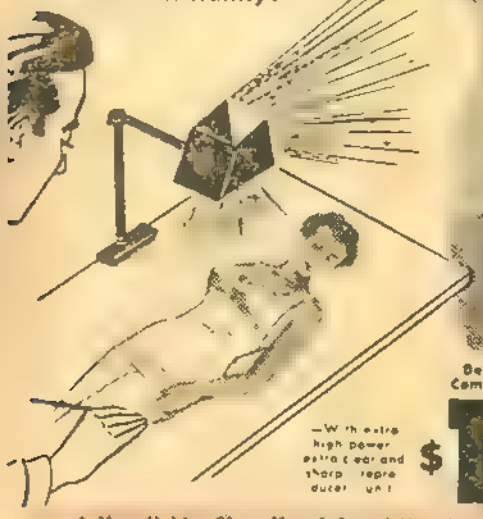

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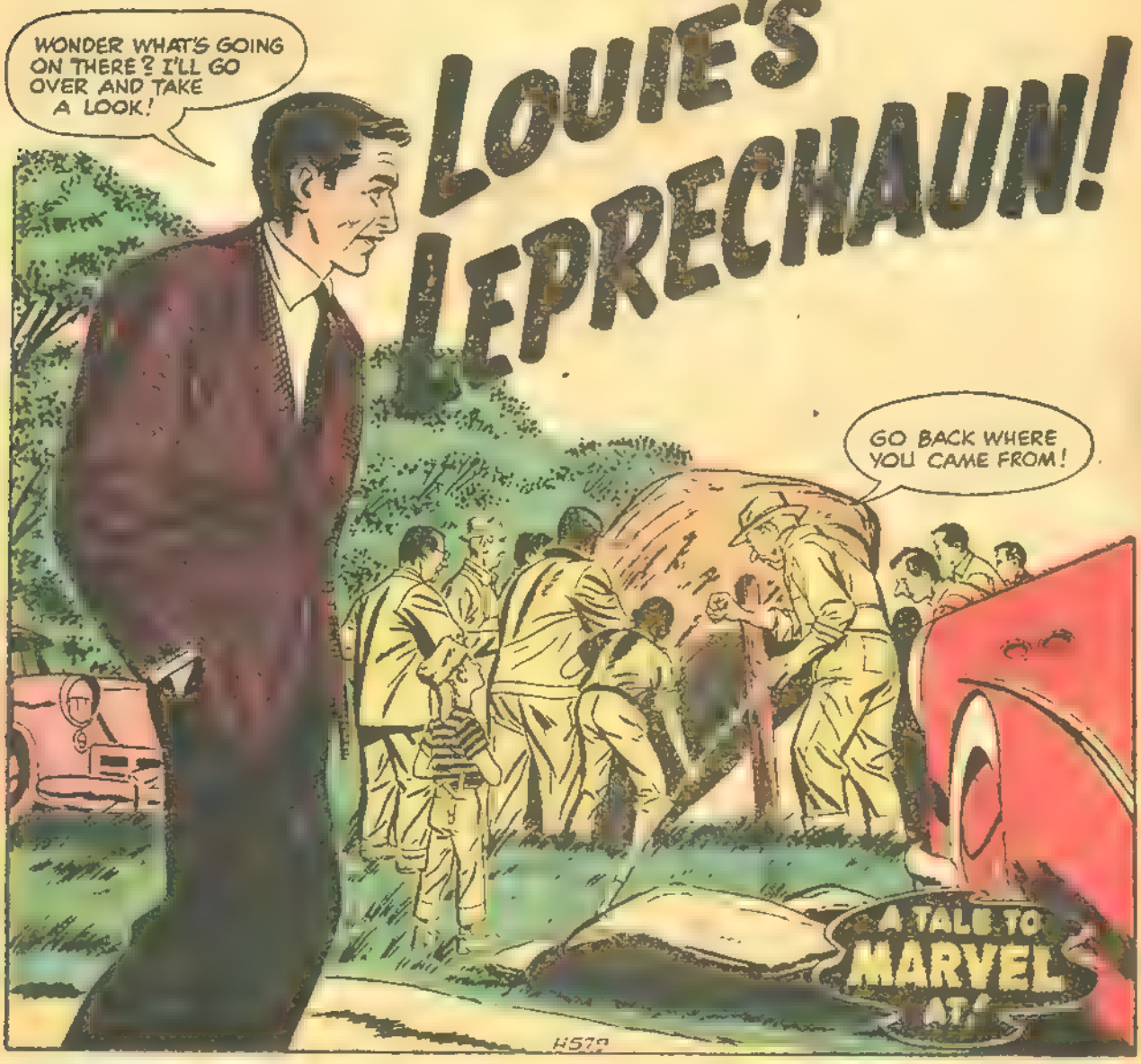

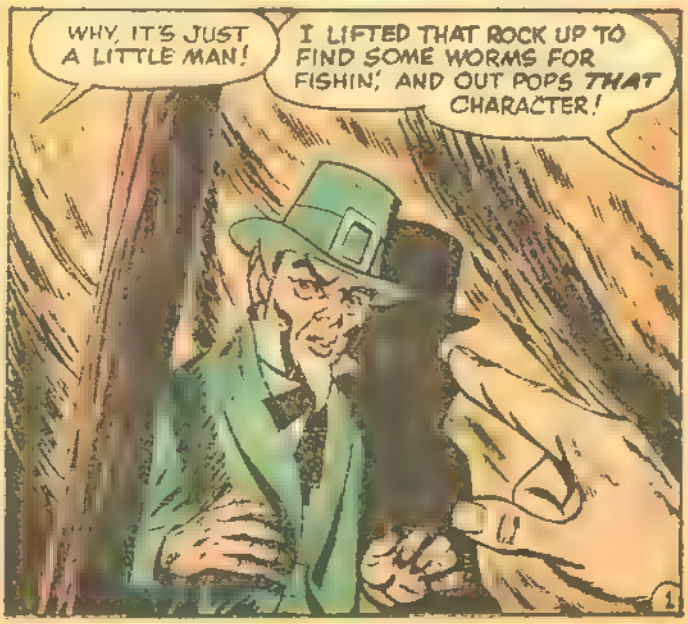

MAKE HIM GO BACK INTO THE GROUND!
YOU'LL DO NO SUCH THING! A FINE BRAVE BUNCH YOU ARE, PICKING ON A DEFENSELESS LITTLE FELLOW!
SHAME ON YOU! HAVE YOU NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BULLY SOMEONE SMALLER THAN YOU?
THANK YE, MISTER.. THANK YE!
PEOPLE HAVE NO RIGHT ACTING AS IF THEY OWNED THE EARTH... BUT YOU ARE A STRANGE-LOOKING MAN AT THAT!
MAN, INDEED! I'M A LEPRE-CHAUN! YE DID ME A FAVOR, AND I'M GRATEFUL! I'LL GRANT YE ANYTHING YE WISH!
LOUIE LARKIN LAUGHED SKEPTICALLY AT THE LEPRECHAUN'S OFFER.
I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT LEPRECHAUNS BUT I DO NEED HELP! I HAVE A VERY EXTRAVAGANT WIFE... SO I'M UP TO MY EARS IN DEBT!
THEN IT'S GOLD YE NEED, AND GOLD YE SHALL HAVE!
GOLD! BAH! SUCH NONSENSE!
HE PROMPTLY FORGOT THE PROMISE OF GOLD BUT WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME...
WHAT'S THAT LITTLE BAG DOING ON THE TABLE?
GOLD! REAL GOLD! BY GOLLY, LEPRECHAUNS MUST HAVE MAGICAL POWERS!

POOR LITTLE LEPRECHAUN... HE MUST BE HUNGRY! I'LL TAKE HIM SOME FOOD... I'LL JUST TELL GLORIA IT'S FOR A FRIEND!
HIS WIFE, GLORIA, WAS SO PRETTY THAT LOUIE FOUND IT DIFFICULT NOT TO TELL HER ABOUT HIS LITTLE FRIEND...
I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR FRIEND! GIVE HIM WHATEVER YOU WANT FROM THE REFRIGERATOR, DEAR, AND HERE'S A FRESH LOAF OF BREAD!
I HATE NOT MENTIONING THE GOLD TO GLORIA, BUT SHE'D JUST GO RIGHT OUT AND SPEND IT!
NOW BE SURE TO TELL YOUR FRIEND TO COME FOR DINNER SOMETIME, AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE GETS THE BIGGEST STEAK HE EVER ATE!
I SURE HOPE THAT LEPRECHAUN IS GRATEFUL ENOUGH FOR THIS FOOD TO LET ME HAVE MORE GOLD!
LOUIE WAS PLEASED BY THE DELIGHT WITH WHICH THE LEPRECHAUN RECEIVED HIS GIFT...
MY, MY, BUT THIS IS GOOD OF YE! I WON'T BE FORGETTING YE FOR YER KINDNESS!
I FOUND A BAG OF GOLD ON MY TABLE AT HOME! UH...A KINDNESS FOR A KINDNESS, I ALWAYS SAY!
NO, SIREE, YE WON'T BE SORRY FOR BEING GOOD TO ME, MY FRIEND!
HIS MANNERS ARE ATROCIOUS! BUT I MUSTN'T FORGET THE GOLD!
EACH MORNING, THEREAFTER, LOUIE FOUND HIS REWARD ON THE LIVING ROOM TABLE...
ANOTHER BAG OF GOLD! A FEW MORE WEEKS OF THIS AND MY DEBTS WILL BE PAID OFF!
AND EACH DAY HE CARRIED GIFTS OF FOOD TO THE LEPRECHAUN...
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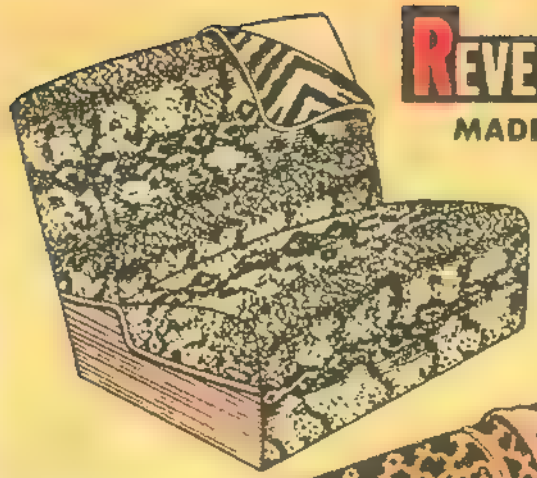

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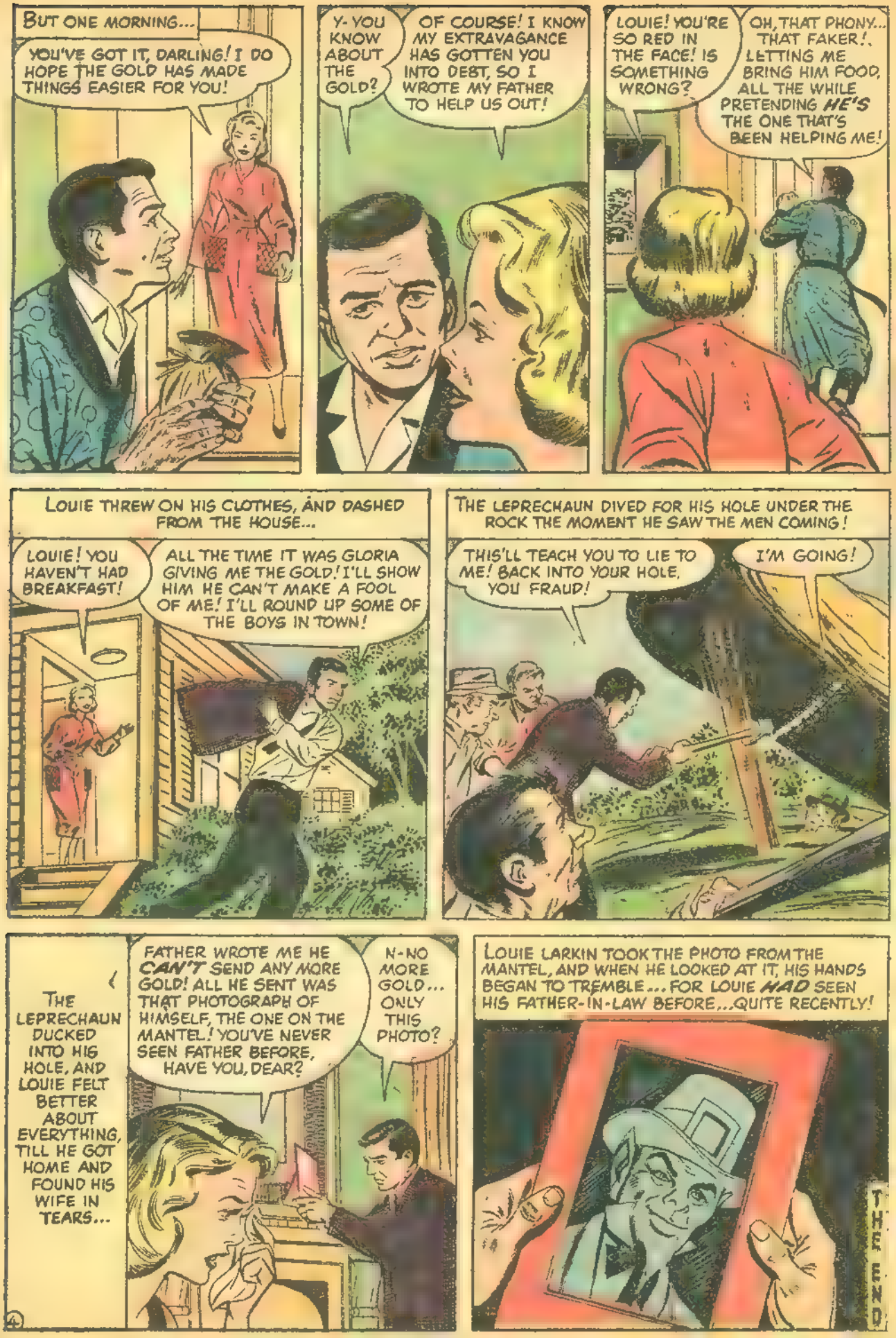
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Y-YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GOLD?
OF COURSE! I KNOW MY EXTRAVAGANCE HAS GOTTEN YOU INTO DEBT, SO I WROTE MY FATHER TO HELP US OUT!
LOUIE! YOU'RE SO RED IN THE FACE! IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OH, THAT PHONY... THAT FAKER!. LETTING ME BRING HIM FOOD, ALL THE WHILE PRETENDING HE'S THE ONE THAT'S BEEN HELPING ME!
LOUIE THREW ON HIS CLOTHES, AND DASHED FROM THE HOUSE...
LOUIE! YOU HAVEN'T HAD BREAKFAST!
ALL THE TIME IT WAS GLORIA GIVING ME THE GOLD! I'LL SHOW HIM HE CAN'T MAKE A FOOL OF ME! I'LL ROUND UP SOME OF THE BOYS IN TOWN!
THE LEPRECHAUN DIVED FOR HIS HOLE UNDER THE ROCK THE MOMENT HE SAW THE MEN COMING!
THIS'LL TEACH YOU TO LIE TO ME! BACK INTO YOUR HOLE, YOU FRAUD!
I'M GOING!
THE LEPRECHAUN DUCKED INTO HIS HOLE, AND LOUIE FELT BETTER ABOUT EVERYTHING, TILL HE GOT HOME AND FOUND HIS WIFE IN TEARS...
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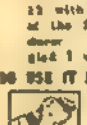

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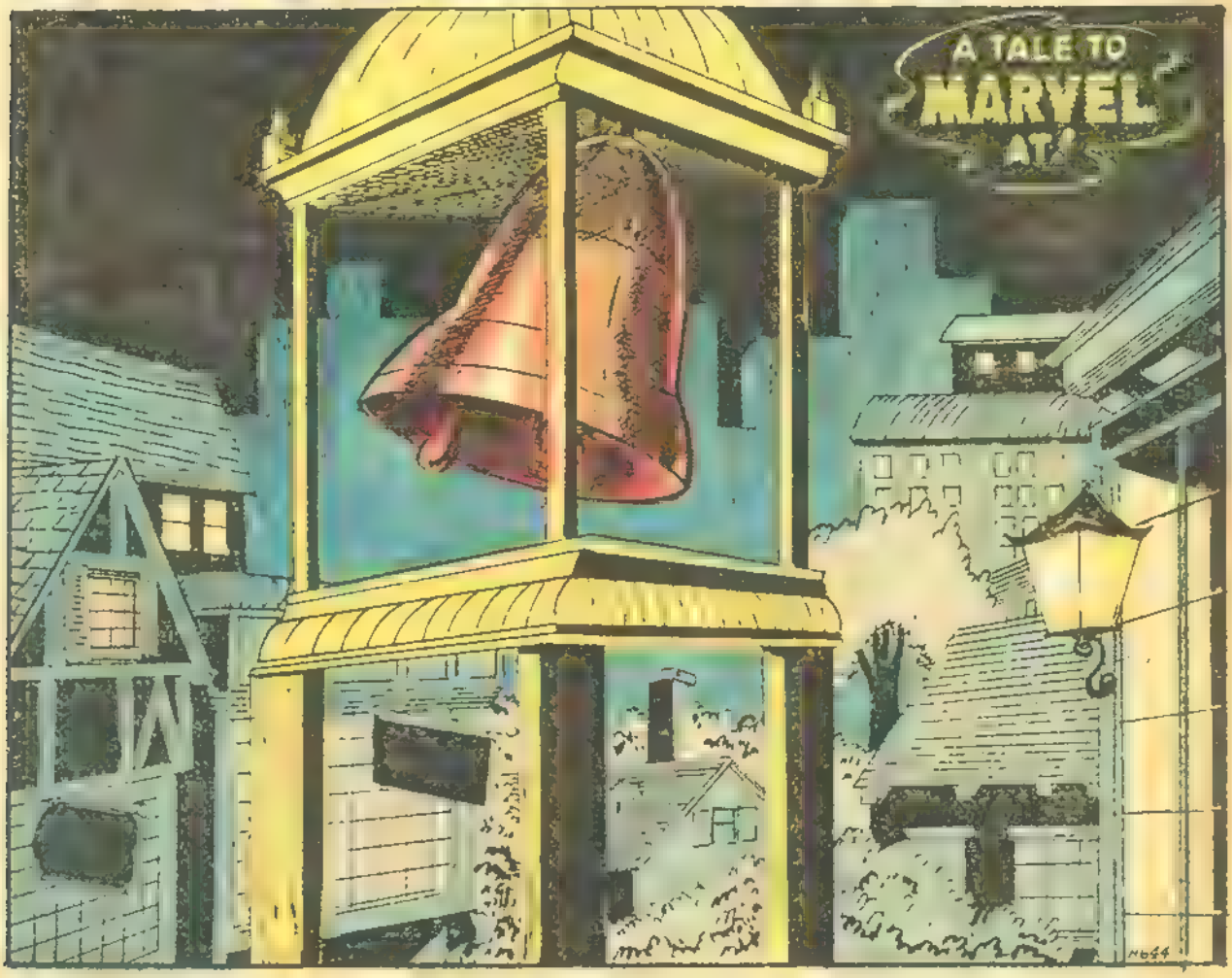
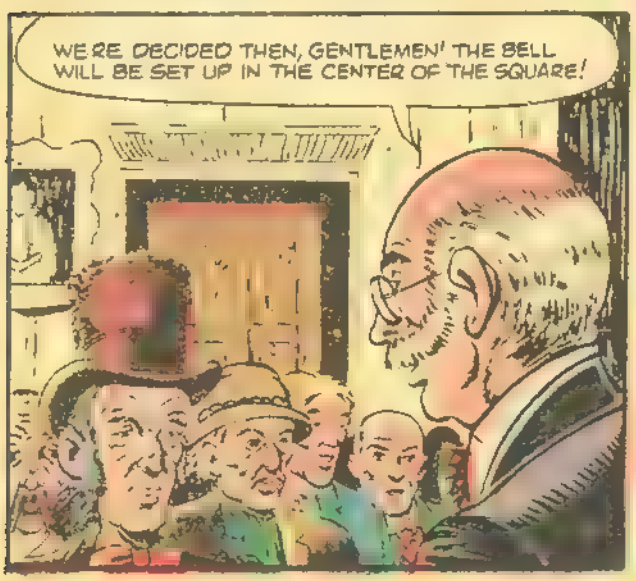
THEY CARRIED IT AWAY AND KEPT IT SILENT! THEY FORGOT IT! MANKIND DISCARDED IT! YET IT WAITED... WAITED FOR THE TIME WHEN...

IT TOLLS BY NIGHT!

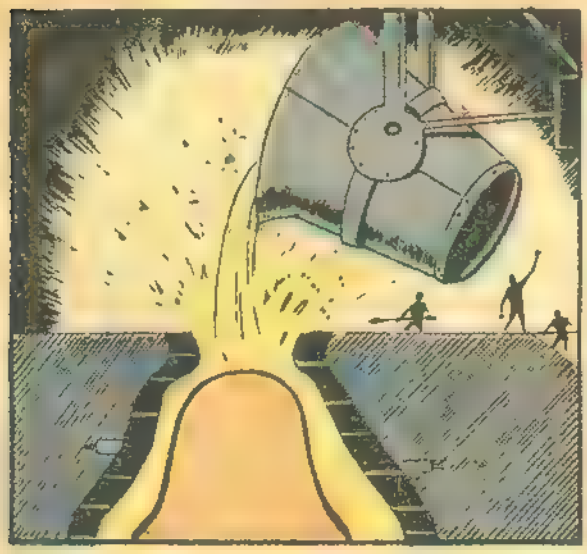


THE BELL WAS BORN DURING A SUMMER NIGHT IN 832! CHEERFUL MEN HAD TAKEN A VOTE AND NOW THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF THE OUTCOME..

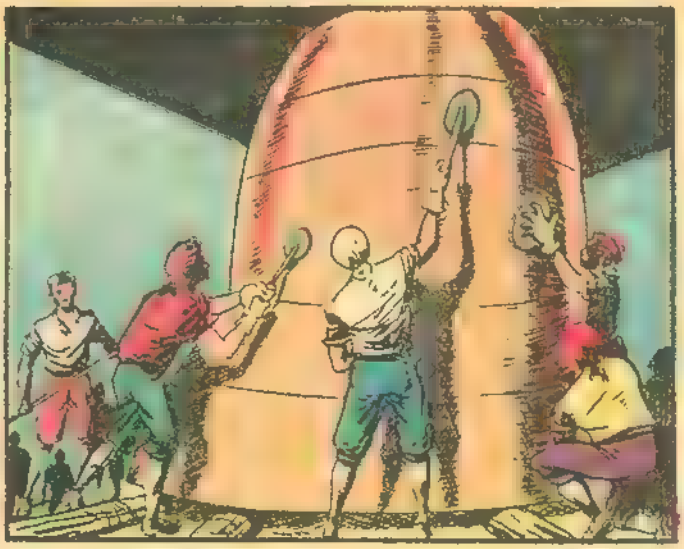


FOR ITS CRADLE, A PART OF THE TOWN SOIL WHERE IT COULD STAY WITH DIGNITY

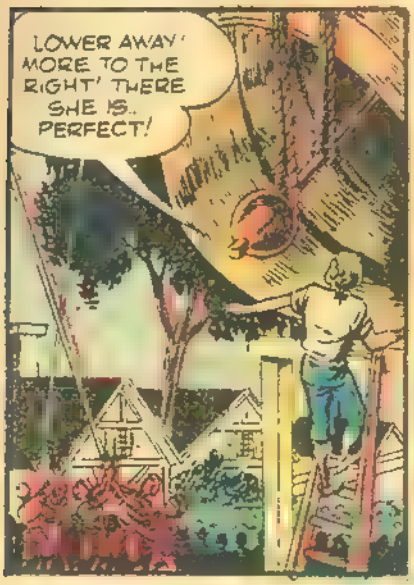
WHILE IN THE BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, MEN WORKED HARD AND LONG INTO THE NIGHT, CASTING THE METAL FOR ITS BODY...



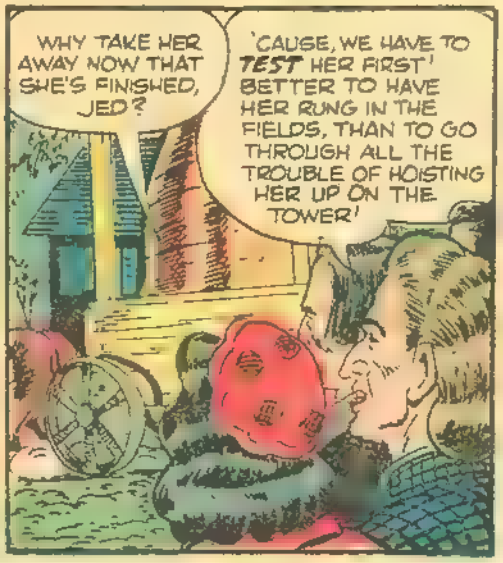
WHEN THE BELL WAS PROPERLY COOLED, THE OUTER MOLD WAS REMOVED AND THE POLISHING AND SMOOTHING PROCESS BEGAN...



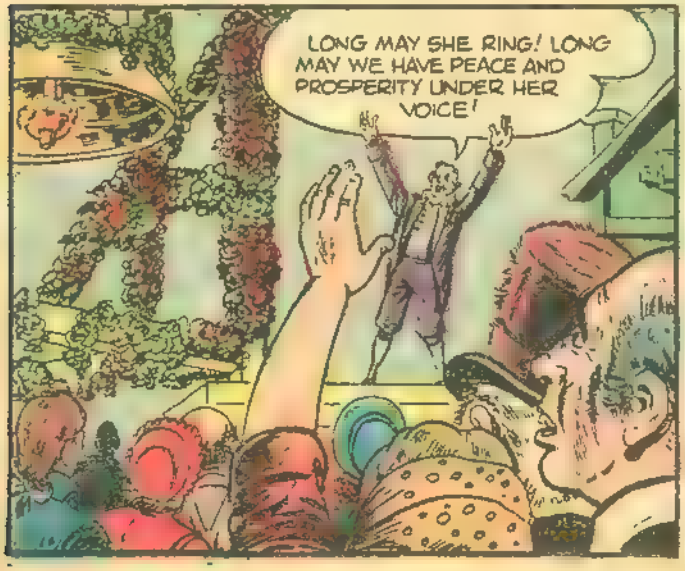
THEN CAME THE MOMENT WHEN THE BELL FOUND ITS HAMMER...



BUT THEN IT WAS CARTED AWAY TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN WHILE PEOPLE STOOD AND WATCHED!


WHY TAKE HER AWAY NOW THAT SHE'S FINISHED, JED?
'CAUSE, WE HAVE TO *TEST* HER FIRST! BETTER TO HAVE HER RUNG IN THE FIELDS, THAN TO GO THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF HOISTING HER UP ON THE TOWER!

SO THEY BROUGHT THE BELL BACK AND HUNG IT IN THE TOWER! THEY DECKED IT WITH FLOWERS, STOOD UNDER IT AND MADE SPEECHES... . .



THE BELL SPOKE OUT. ITS FIRST CRIES HESITANT, THEN TREMBLING NOW JOYOUS!

THE YEARS PASSED AND THE BELL STOOD PROUDLY' SUN SNOW HAIL AND RAIN...IT ENDURED ALL WITH MASSIVE DIGNITY...

AND OFTEN YOUNG COUPLES WOULD MEET UNDER IT

HERE UNDER THE BELL, I MAKE MY PLEDGE TO YOU'

WHILE BIRDS WOULD BUILD THEIR NESTS AND FLUTTER ABOUT ITS METAL SHAPE

ALL THESE THE BELL KNEW LOVE MERRIMENT DISILLUSIONMENT, AND SORROW...

DOC WALLER'S DEAD' WHAT'LL WE DO WITHOUT HIM?

HE'S GONE' POOR MAN!

GRADUALLY THE BELL BECAME THE TOWN' MARRIAGES, WORK, MEETINGS, HOLIDAYS...ALL WERE SIGNALED BY THE BELL...

MEET ME AT EIGHT, HONEY' MY WATCH IS A FEW MINUTES SLOW...ANYWAY, YOU'LL KNOW BY THE BELL.

MORE SKYSCRAPERS ROSE, ALMOST HIDING THE BELL TOWER FROM VIEW' TIME SURROUNDED IT WITH NEW, BRIGHT, BIGGER THINGS. BUILDINGS, THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND HOPES...

THE DECADES PASSED' NOW THE OLD BUILDINGS DISAPPEARED! AND HERE AND THERE ROSE SKY-SCRAPERS' BUT, ROARING OUT WITH VOICE CLEAR AND BRIGHT, WAS THE BELL...

BONG BONG BONG

BONG BONG

THAT BELL TOWER'S GOT TO GO, JOHNSON' WE NEED AN OFFICE BUILDING ON ITS SITE'

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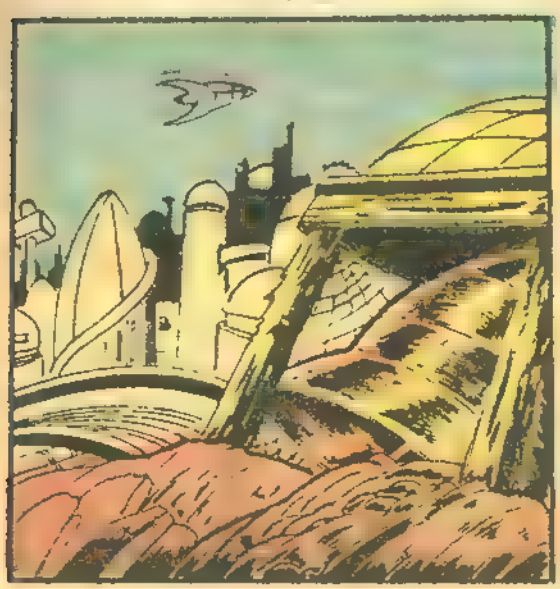
SO MEN CAME WITH CRANES AND PULLEYS AND PIECE BY PIECE THE BELL WAS CARRIED OFF FROM THE TOWN THAT WAS NOW A STRANGER...

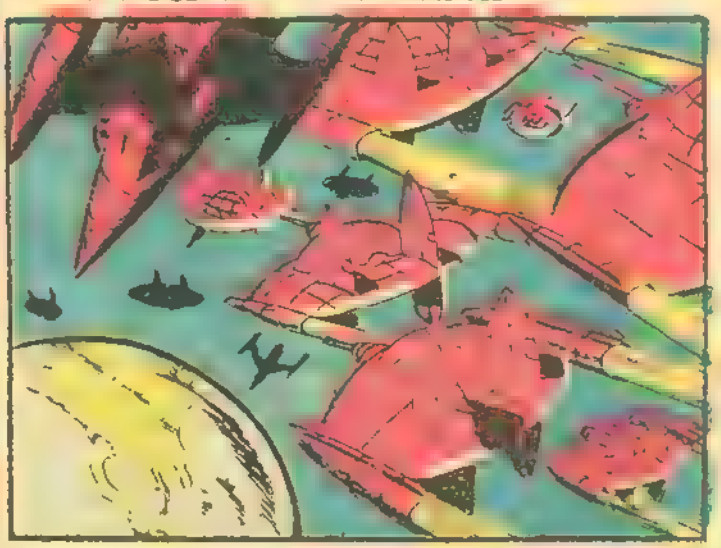
BUT IT FACED THE EVER-GROWING, CHANGING CITY, RUSTING, FORGOTTEN AND UNWANTED...

WHILE MAN BUILT NEWER, GREATER BELLS WHOSE ELECTRONIC CHIMES DEAFENED AN ADMIRING POPULACE...

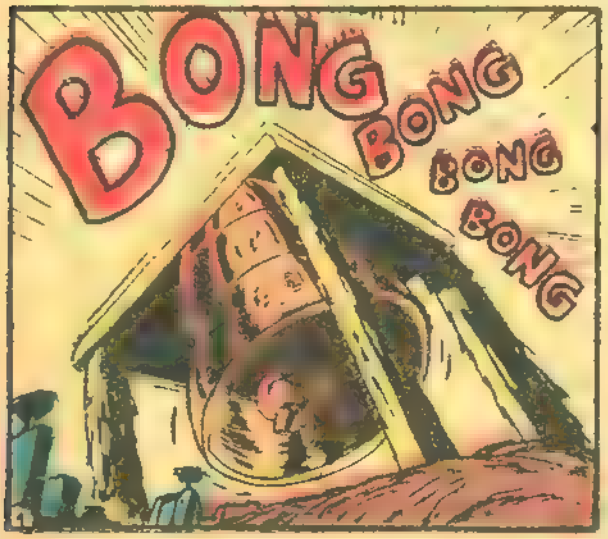
ALL THESE THINGS THE BELL ENDURED AS IT WAITED...



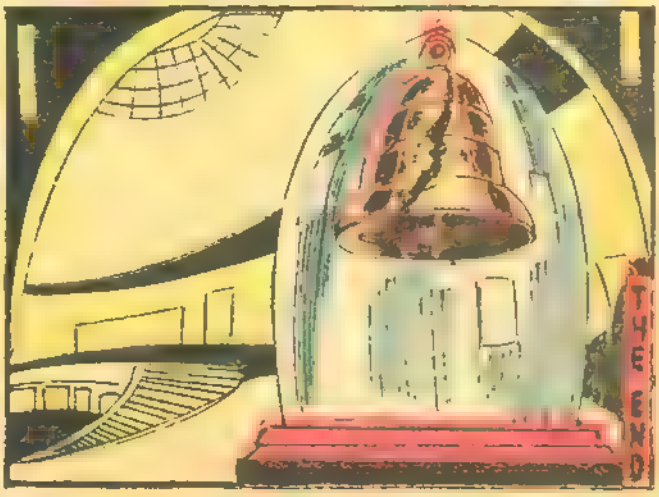
AND THEN, OUT OF SPACE CAME INVADERS, SNEAKING IN TO STRIKE AN UNWARNED PLANET! JAMMING ELECTRONIC DEFENSES, CHAINING RADAR, BLINDING RADIO WAVES, SMUG IN THE CERTAINTY THAT MANKIND SLEPT



THEN THE BELL ***SPOKE***...CRYING, SHOUTING, WARNING RINGING LOUD AND CLEAR...BRINGING HOPE INTO THE MINDS OF MEN!



THE INVADERS WERE FLUNG BACK! THE PLANET WAS SAVED AND THE ***BELL*** WAS HONORED! BUT A MYSTERY WAS CREATED! FOR ***WHO*** HAD ***RUNG*** THE BELL? AND AS MEN PAID HOMAGE, ONLY THE BELL KNEW OF THE LOVE IT HELD FOR THE HEART OF MANKIND!



couch and she was talking animatedly. To Bruce's surprise, he saw himself, too, as a strikingly self-confident teen-ager.

"I think it would be nice if Bruce pursued a medical or a musical career," his mother was saying. "The arts will develop his sense of beauty, while a medical career would allow him to serve humanity."

"Humbug! Sissy stuff!" her husband said. "He ought to carve out a manly career in law or politics. If he plays his cards right and applies himself, he can become a prominent public figure respected by all."

"And I'm not interested in any of the professions you've mentioned," the young man answered. "I don't want to wrap myself in the world of music, nor do I yearn to serve humanity or earn its applause. *I want to make a million dollars!* I'll be too busy for books or beauty or politicians."

"Well, of course, the final decision is up to you," his mother said. "You may choose whatever you want."

"We just felt that you might profit from our experience. We only want to assist you . . . not order you," his father added.

"I appreciate your interest," the boy said, "but I'm old enough to know what I want. I hope my ambition doesn't distress you."

"No! No! You don't know what a mistake you're making," Bruce Morton shouted back at his image. "You're cocky and self-confident now, but you're turning your back on all the beautiful things in life. You don't realize yet that *money isn't everything.* You can't buy genuine goodness. Money and power are poor substitutes for love and a happy home . . . ."

He paused as he realized that the young man was paying him no heed. "But someone has to listen to me," he cried desperately. "Mother . . . Dad . . . make him, ask him to reconsider. Ask him to think twice before deciding definitely."

His eyes widened hopefully as his father and mother turned to face him on the screen. "It's never too late to right a wrong," his father assured him.

"Of course not, son," his mother agreed. "As long as you live, you have the freedom of choice. Don't be guided by hasty conclusions. You have a right to be a happy homebody . . . or a millionaire . . . or both," she added with a twinkle. "Just don't run away from happiness. And remember, it's never too late to correct a past mistake."

"You mean it's still not too late," Bruce asked hopefully. "Happiness means more to me than all the money in the world."

Suddenly, the screen seemed to fade away. His mother's voice had a softer, more natural sound. "No, son," she repeated, "it's never too late to change."

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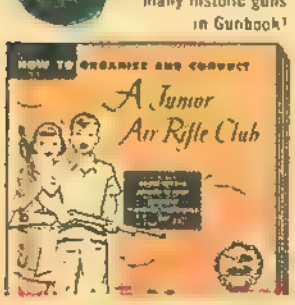

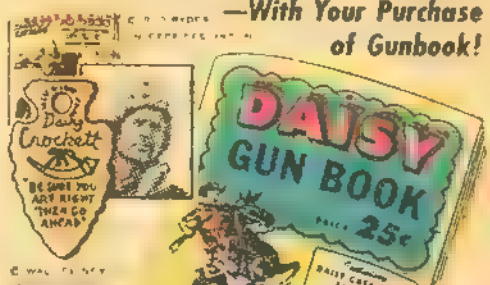

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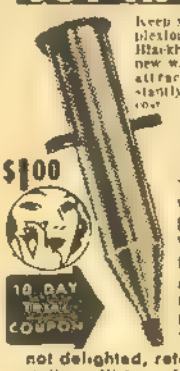

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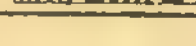

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WELL, I'VE PUT IN AN APPEARANCE... NOW I THINK I'LL LEAVE! I'VE GOT A HEADACHE AND THIS SORT OF THING LEAVES ME COLD!

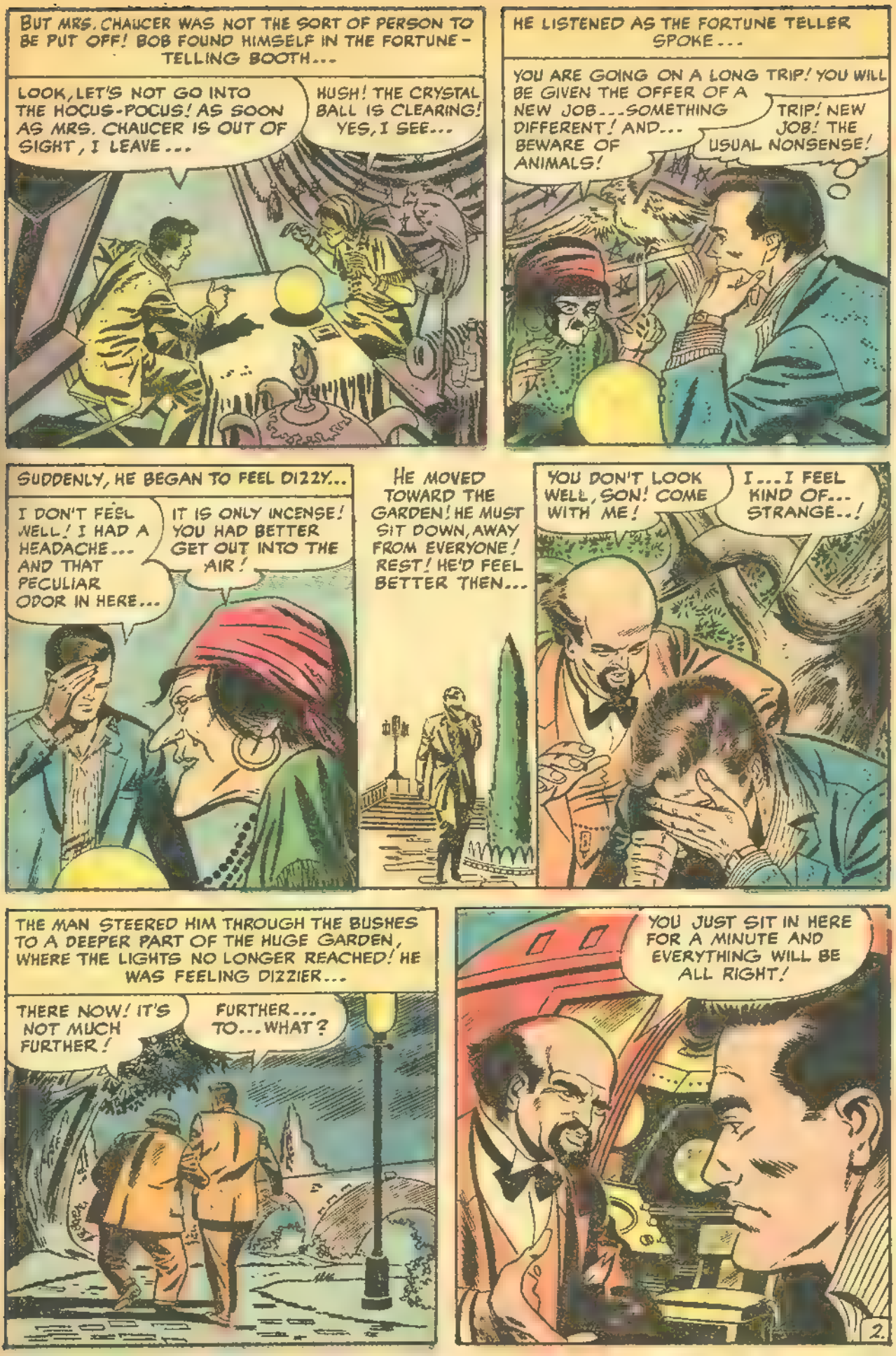
OH, THERE YOU ARE, BOB!

FORTUNE TELLER

IT WAS THE BOSS'S WIFE, MRS. CHAUCER...

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR FORTUNE TOLD! THIS WOMAN IS MARVELOUS! MAYBE SHE'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KNOW! SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING!

BUT REALLY, MRS. CHAUCER, I DON'T BELIEVE IN THAT SORT OF THING!


BUT MRS. CHAUCER WAS NOT THE SORT OF PERSON TO BE PUT OFF! BOB FOUND HIMSELF IN THE FORTUNE-TELLING BOOTH...
LOOK, LET'S NOT GO INTO THE HOCUS-POCUS! AS SOON AS MRS. CHAUCER IS OUT OF SIGHT, I LEAVE...
HUSH! THE CRYSTAL BALL IS CLEARING! YES, I SEE...
HE LISTENED AS THE FORTUNE TELLER SPOKE...
YOU ARE GOING ON A LONG TRIP! YOU WILL BE GIVEN THE OFFER OF A NEW JOB...SOMETHING DIFFERENT! AND... BEWARE OF ANIMALS!
TRIP! NEW JOB! THE USUAL NONSENSE!
SUDDENLY, HE BEGAN TO FEEL DIZZY...
I DON'T FEEL WELL! I HAD A HEADACHE... AND THAT PECULIAR ODOR IN HERE...
IT IS ONLY INCENSE! YOU HAD BETTER GET OUT INTO THE AIR!
HE MOVED TOWARD THE GARDEN! HE MUST SIT DOWN, AWAY FROM EVERYONE! REST! HE'D FEEL BETTER THEN...
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL, SON! COME WITH ME!
I...I FEEL KIND OF... STRANGE..!
THE MAN STEERED HIM THROUGH THE BUSHES TO A DEEPER PART OF THE HUGE GARDEN, WHERE THE LIGHTS NO LONGER REACHED! HE WAS FEELING DIZZIER...
THERE NOW! IT'S NOT MUCH FURTHER!
FURTHER... TO...WHAT?
YOU JUST SIT IN HERE FOR A MINUTE AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
2.

HE SAT DOWN! HE HEARD THE FAT MAN SPEAKING, HIS VOICE SOUNDING AS THOUGH IT CAME FROM FAR AWAY! THE DOOR WAS CLOSING...

IF THE *TIME MACHINE* WORKS WITH *YOU*, IT WILL WORK WITH ANYONE! RELAX!

THERE WAS A CLICK, A WHIR! HIS INNER BEING SEEMED TO RUSH PAST HIM! THEN CAME UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

THERE WAS A JAR AND HE STRUGGLED BACK FROM THE GULF OF BLACKNESS, BACK TO AWARENESS..

WHAT'S HAPPENED? WAIT! I REMEMBER, THE FAT MAN SAID...

THE PREHISTORIC FOREST! THIS IS FANTASTIC! THAT CONTRAPTION *IS* A *TIME MACHINE!* AND IT'S CATAPULTED ME BACK TO THE AGE OF DINOSAURS!

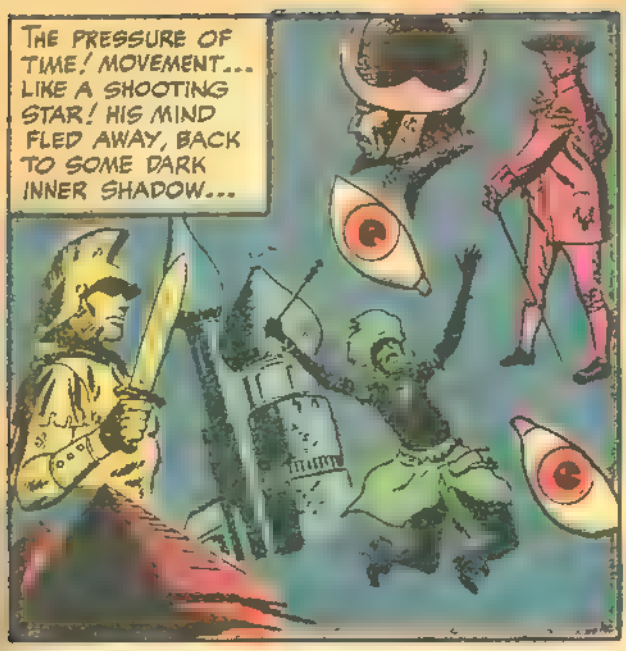
SUDDENLY, A MIGHTY ROAR SHOOK THE TREES! THEN HE SAW IT...

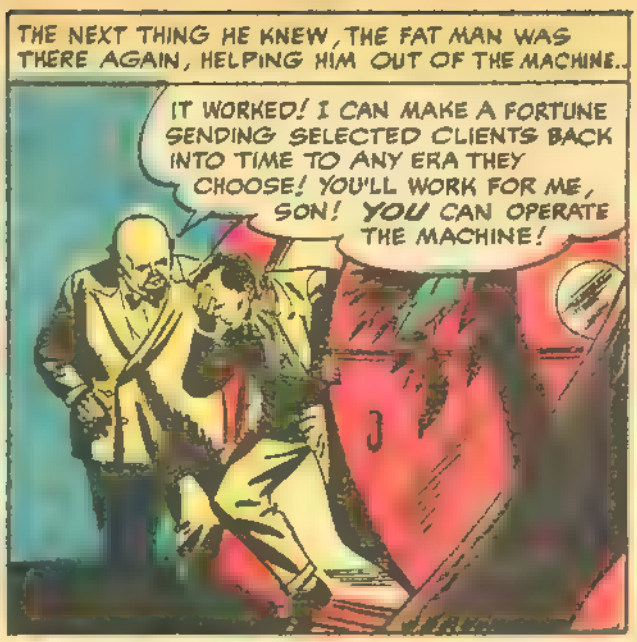
TYRANNOSAURUS REX! THE MOST FEARFUL BEAST THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN!

HE TURNED AND RAN BACK TO THE TIME MACHINE...

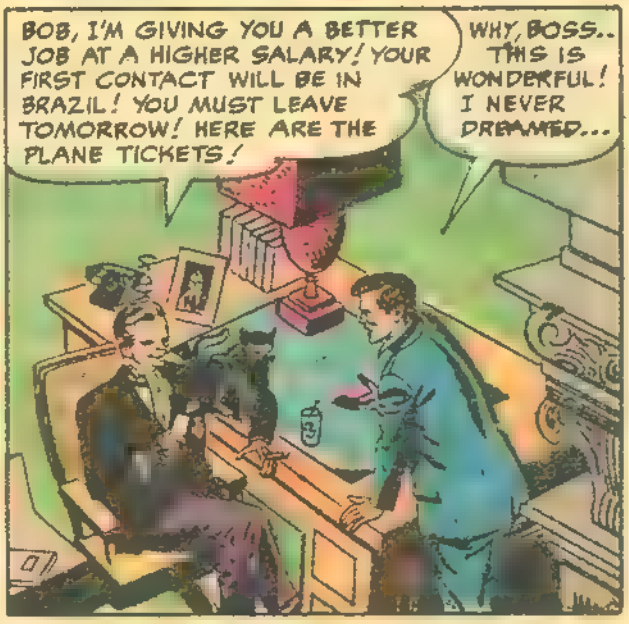
BLINDLY HE JABBED AT BUTTONS, PULLED LEVERS WITH THE SHADOW OF THE BEAST HOVERING OVER HIM...

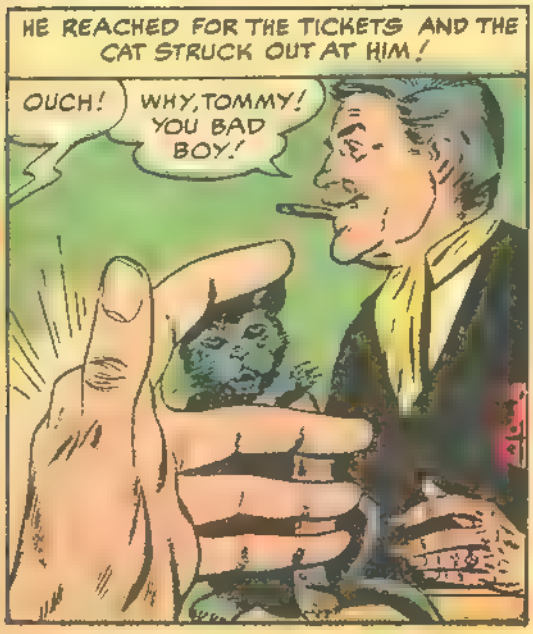
SOMETHING MUST WORK! ANYTHING... I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE...

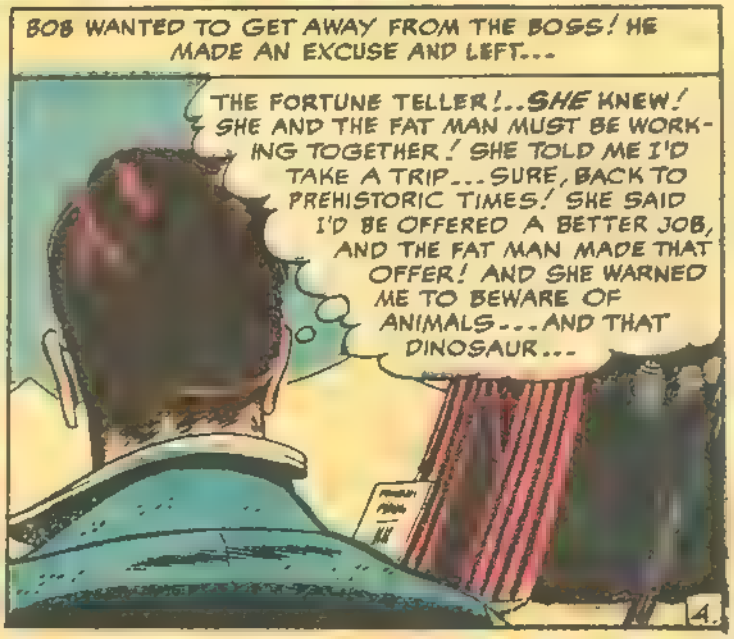

THE PRESSURE OF TIME! MOVEMENT... LIKE A SHOOTING STAR! HIS MIND FLED AWAY, BACK TO SOME DARK INNER SHADOW...


THE NEXT THING HE KNEW, THE FAT MAN WAS THERE AGAIN, HELPING HIM OUT OF THE MACHINE..
IT WORKED! I CAN MAKE A FORTUNE SENDING SELECTED CLIENTS BACK INTO TIME TO ANY ERA THEY CHOOSE! YOU'LL WORK FOR ME, SON! YOU CAN OPERATE THE MACHINE!

BOB PULLED FREE! HE WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THIS FAT MAN AND HIS MACHINE! HE WANTED TO BE WHERE THERE WERE LIGHTS, OTHER PEOPLE, NORMALCY...
BOB! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! I'VE SOMETHING TO TALK OVER WITH YOU!


BOB, I'M GIVING YOU A BETTER JOB AT A HIGHER SALARY! YOUR FIRST CONTACT WILL BE IN BRAZIL! YOU MUST LEAVE TOMORROW! HERE ARE THE PLANE TICKETS!
WHY, BOSS.. THIS IS WONDERFUL! I NEVER DREAMED...


HE REACHED FOR THE TICKETS AND THE CAT STRUCK OUT AT HIM!
OUCH!
WHY, TOMMY! YOU BAD BOY!


BOB WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THE BOSS! HE MADE AN EXCUSE AND LEFT...
THE FORTUNE TELLER!..SHE KNEW! SHE AND THE FAT MAN MUST BE WORKING TOGETHER! SHE TOLD ME I'D TAKE A TRIP... SURE, BACK TO PREHISTORIC TIMES! SHE SAID I'D BE OFFERED A BETTER JOB, AND THE FAT MAN MADE THAT OFFER! AND SHE WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF ANIMALS... AND THAT DINOSAUR...

HE RUSHED INTO THE TENT! HE ACCUSED THE WOMAN! HE TOLD HER WHAT HAD HAPPENED...
EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME CAME TRUE! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
MRS. CHAUCER GAVE ME THE INFORMATION ON ALL THE GUESTS, SO I COULD TELL THEM AUTHENTIC THINGS! SHE TOLD ME HER HUSBAND WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A BETTER JOB AND YOU'D LEAVE FOR BRAZIL! THEN SHE STEERED YOU IN HERE! SIMPLE, ISN'T IT?
YES, SIMPLE! HE FELT LIKE A FOOL! BOB DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
AND THAT TIME MACHINE STUFF! WELL, WHEN YOU STAGGERED OUT OF HERE YOU WERE PRETTY PALE! YOU PROBABLY PASSED OUT IN THE GARDEN AND DREAMED THE WHOLE THING!
MAYBE I DID DREAM IT! NOW I DON'T KNOW! BUT THE FORTUNE TELLER'S RIGHT! EVERYTHING SHE TOLD ME DID HAPPEN...
THE NEW JOB, THE TRIP, THE CAT SCRATCHING ME.. SHE SAID BEWARE OF ANIMALS! BUT EVERYTHING SHE TOLD ME COULD STILL APPLY TO WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE TIME MACHINE ...AND SHE COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN, IN ADVANCE, ABOUT THE CAT!
BOB TURNED AND RACED BACK TO THE BAZAAR...AND INTO THE TENT...
MR. CHAUCER! WHERE'S THE FORTUNE TELLER?
SHE JUST LEFT WITH SOME FAT FELLOW! HA, HA! BOB, THAT WAS ALL RIGGED, WHAT SHE TOLD YOU! MY WIFE LET HER IN ON OUR SECRET!
DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE THIS CRYSTAL BALL, SIR? SORT OF TO REMIND ME...
TO REMIND YOU OF THE BEGINNING OF NEW AND BIGGER THINGS FOR YOU IN THE FIRM, EH? GO AHEAD, TAKE IT!
NO, HE THOUGHT, NOT THAT! TO REMIND HIM OF THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE A MAN EVER HAD...
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